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SUBJ: UNCTAD: RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON
SHIPPING LINER CONFERENCES

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AD HOC GROUP ON RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR PLENIPOTENTIARY
CONFERENCE ON CODE OF SHIPPING LINER CONFERENCES SCHEDULED
FOR NOVEMBER RECOMMENDED SEVERAL MODIFICATIONS IN EFFORT
TO CLARIFY DRAFT RULES SUGGESTED BY UNCTAD SECRETARIAT
(TD/ CODE/ PC/ L 24). TWO PRINCIPAL CHANGES WERE AMENDMENT
OF RULE 3 TO ALLOW PERM DELS TO ISSUE CREDENTIALS UPON
EXPLICIT AUTHORIZATION OF HEAD OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT OR
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND AMENDMENT OF RULE 49
TO INCLUDE RUSSIAN AS A WORKING LANGUAGE AS AT CONTAINER
CONFERENCE. UNCTAD LEGAL ADVISOR INSERTED IN REPORT
OBSERVATION THAT AMENDMENT TO RULE 3 WAS UNDESIRABLE
DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL UN PRACTICE. AFRICAN AND LATIN
AMERICAN GROUPS WERE STRONG PROONENTS OF AMENDMENT.
BRAZIL MADE EFFORT AMEND RULE 1 TO MAKE CLEAR DUAL
REPRESENTATION WAS ACCEPTABLE IN ORDER AVOID CONFUSION
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WHICH TOOK PLACE AT CONTAINER CONFERENCE OVER REPRESENTATION OF LUXEMBOURG BY BELGIUM. BRAZILIAN PROPOSAL RESISTED BY SECRETARIAT AND SOME ASIAN COUNTRIES. REPORT CONTAINS OBSERVATIONS THAT DUAL REPRESENTATION NOT INCONSISTENT WITH RULE 1 BUT CITES UN LEGAL OPINION DISCOURAGING SUCH PRACTICE (1967 JURIDICAL YEARBOOK). PLENARY OF PREPARATORY COMMITTEE WILL ACT ON DRAFT RULES, AS AMENDED, THIS WEEK AND WILL DECIDE WHETHER DRAFT RULES SHOULD RECOMMEND THAT CONFERENCE HAVE THREE MAIN COMMITTEES. BASSIN

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